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I cannot even imagine why anyone on the Board of Environmental Protection would think that it is a good idea to allow arsenic treated wood to be used for erosion control anywhere near groundwater in Maine.

Arsenic is a known carcinogen, and causes many other health problems in people, fish, and wildlife. Its use in residential construction has been banned, but now it is allowed to be burned in biomass furnaces, one rotten idea, and is possibly going to be spread on land near our waterways. This can only be give-aways to industrial interests, but isn't the BEP supposed to protect us from predatory industrialists? I certainly hope so! Please do not allow this to happen.

We have been so propagandized in this country to believe that economic salvation will come only from big business interests and that we must all bow to the wishes of the CEOs that we are sometimes afraid to do what we know is right and tell them they can't have everything. Water is essential to life--even more essential than food in ways--and as such should be considered sacred and not available to be abused for corporate profit. Keep our Maine waters clean!

Sincerely,  
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